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Identical letters dated 29 June 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to previous letters regarding the Turkish regime's continued violations of the principles of international law and the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, its attacks against the sovereignty and territorial unity and integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, its open support for terrorism and its threat to regional and international peace and security, as well as the failure of the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to put an end to the Erdogan regime's attacks and crimes and to hold it accountable, I should like to convey to you the following information:

The Syrian Arab Republic reaffirms that the attacks by the Turkish regime and its armed forces against the sovereignty and territorial unity and integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, including the building of the so-called barrier wall are illegal acts that constitute military aggression and a flagrant violation of international law and the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of friendly relations and good-neighbourliness among States, notwithstanding the flimsy arguments and pretexts by which that criminal regime seeks to justify its illegal practices.

The Erdogan regime's efforts to seize and confiscate parcels of Syrian territory and to build walls on it are null and void and their outcome cannot be recognized in any way whatsoever. Those efforts will not alter the legal status of those parcels of territory and the fact that they belong to the Syrian Arab Republic, nor will they undermine or take away the legal and sovereign rights of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Syrian Arab Republic calls on the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to maintain international peace and security, to compel the Turkish regime to halt its support for terrorism and its attacks against the sovereignty, territorial unity and integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, and to hold that regime accountable.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 108, and of the Security Council.

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